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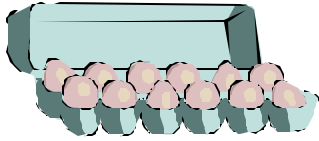
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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices were reported unchanged on larger sizes, but lower on mediums in California and in the Midwest region. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady. Demand was in a full range with best movement noted where holiday features were a factor. Supplies were adequate to closely balanced. Breaking stock offerings from regular sources were about adequate to fully adequate for the light to moderate demand. Light type hens were generally sufficient for holiday schedules.

**NORTH ATLANTIC** Prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady at best. Demand was moderate to good, best into holiday features in progress. Supplies were generally adequate for current needs. Breaking stock offerings from regular sources were fully adequate for the light and unaggressive demand. Light type hens were usually sufficient for holiday schedules.

**NEW YORK** Prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady at best. Demand was moderate to good and best where items were featured for the holiday. Supplies were generally adequate for trading needs.

**MIDWEST** Prices in Detroit and major Ohio and Wisconsin cities were 2 cents lower for medium and were unchanged for the balance. Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were down 1 cent for medium and were not changed for large and small. Trade sentiment was generally steady. Retail demand was moderate to very good for the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday. Feature activity still providing extra interest. Food service movement was about moderate. Supplies were mostly adequate to at times close for the larger sizes. Central states nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were about adequate to adequate. Demand was light to moderate with many breakers watching current inventories and only buying for immediate needs. Schedules were generally part-time due to the holiday. Floor stocks were in balance to fully adequate. Trade sentiment was steady.

**CHICAGO** Prices for extra large and large unchanged, mediums declined 1 cent. The market tone steady. Retail and food service demand ranged from light to good, mostly moderate and best where features are a factor. Supplies adequate to closely balanced.

**SOUTHERN** Prices in Atlanta and Florida were unchanged when compared to previous week. The market tone was steady. Retail demand ranged moderate to good, best where features were planned or in progress. Supplies were adequate. The average price on Grade A or better white cartoned large eggs delivered to volume buyers in the Southern Region for the week ending November 17, 2000 was 81.19 cents, unchanged from the week before, however, 12.85 cents more than the same week last year. Breaking stock supplies were fully adequate from regular suppliers for the light to unaggressive demand. Light type fowl was generally adequate for holiday schedules.

**WESTERN** Prices in California unchanged on jumbo, extra large, and large, 2 cents lower on medium and small; in the Northwest unchanged on all sizes. The Pacific region inventory was 1% lower than last Monday with California up 1% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 3%. Retailer demand seasonally good. Offerings clearing well.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
<b>NORTHEAST CITIES</b>			
Boston (Brown)	107-109	105-107	70-72
New York	83-85	80-83	71-74
Philadelphia	81-83	79-81	70-71
<b>SOUTHERN CITIES</b>			
Atlanta (1) (2)	76-77	74.5-76	63-64
Jackson (1)	84-85	83-84	72-73
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	84-99	83-97	69-83
<b>MIDWEST CITIES</b>			
Chicago	73-78	72-77	60-65
Detroit (2)	70-73	69-72	57-60
Major Ohio Cities (2)	71-77	70-75	58-64
Major Wisconsin Cities	74-81	72-79	61-68
<b>WESTERN CITIES</b>			
Houston (1)	92-95	88-91	77-79
California(Grade AA)(1)(3)	112	104	94
(1) - Prices reported weekly			
(2) - Delivered Warehouse			
(3) - Reported Invoice prices			

**CALIFORNIA** Prices unchanged on jumbo, extra large, and large, 2 cents lower on medium and small. The California inventory was 1% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand seasonally good. Offerings well cleared through Thanksgiving, adequate after. Small invoice price 74. Ads in Northern California: major- large dozen 99-129, 18 pack 199, buy 1 get 1 free.

PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	124
EXTRA LARGE	112
LARGE	104
MEDIUM	94

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	229-289	JUMBO	225-259
EXTRA LARGE	219-259	EXTRA LARGE	195-249
LARGE	199-209	LARGE	187-209
MEDIUM	187-189	MEDIUM	145-199

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT**

Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending November 24, 2000 will increase by 1 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending November 17, 2000 were 337,274 cases which was 22 percent above the prior week and 8 percent above estimates.

	<b>CARTONED</b>	<b>LOOSE</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Cases purchased present week.....	302,041	35,233	337,274
% change from the prior week.....	+26	+1	+22

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 17 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** Prices were unchanged. Offerings were about adequate to adequate. Demand was light to moderate with many breakers watching current inventories and only buying for immediate needs. Schedules generally part-time due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Floor stocks balanced to fully adequate. Trade sentiment steady. PRICES PAID TO 11:00 A.M., MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MOSTLY</b>
NEST RUN	31-36	33-35
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	19-22	

**CENTRAL STATES AREA:**

AR, CO, IA, IL, IN, KS, LA, MI, MN, MO, NM, ND, NE, OH, OK, SD, TX, WI

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Prices were slightly higher compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of heavy fowl. Finished sales were good with shipping channels active. Schedules were reduced for the holiday week. Trade sentiment was fully steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 20-NOV-00

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>	<b>WTD AVG</b>
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	4-9	5.5-7	6.72

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was fair. Offerings were adequate to ample for reduced holiday schedules. Floor stocks of finished product were occasionally short to no more than adequate for current needs. The market tone was mixed but generally steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 20-NOV-00

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>	<b>WTD AVG</b>
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	3-8.5	4.25-6	5.24
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT TOO FEW TO REPORT		

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM Nov 20,2000**

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/  
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

			<b>NO CENT</b>	<b>SO CENT</b>	<b>SO Atl</b>	<b>5-Area Pacific</b>	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	9.1	16.9	6.0	15.0	9.5	56.5
	Change	-1.5	-2.9	-1.7	-0.4	1.1	-9%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	24.8	33.5	9.8	28.7	18.7	115.5
	Change	-3.1	-9.5	-3.0	-12.0	0.2	-19%
Large	Curr Wk	40.4	77.4	63.9	61.9	79.9	323.5
	Change	-16.3	-29.2	0.1	-35.6	-10.2	-22%
Medium	Curr Wk	10.9	33.1	13.4	20.3	27.3	105.0
	Change	-2.1	1.0	-2.3	-5.5	2.4	-6%
Small	Curr Wk	2.8	6.1	0.9	7.3	10.0	27.1
	Change	-2.1	-0.9	-0.8	0.2	1.8	-6%
Misc	Curr Wk	6.4	21.8	6.7	16.2	6.4	57.5
	Change	0.8	-0.2	-4.2	3.0	0.4	0%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	32.9	38.2	17.8	22.7	50.6	162.2
	Change	-6.0	-2.3	0.3	-7.9	3.1	-7%
Total	Curr Wk	127.3	227.0	118.5	172.1	202.4	847.3
Percent	Change	-19%	-16%	-9%	-25%	-1%	-15%

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>Number of Cases</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>	<b>Number of Cooperators</b>
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Shell Egg	847.3	-15%	171
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	404.9	-5%	39

Total Shell Egg	1252.2	-12%	210
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1/Information is supplied by a universe of 171 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

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No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

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**CANADIAN EGGS**

MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 06, 2000

<b>GRADE A</b>	<b>XLARGE</b>	<b>LARGE</b>	<b>MEDIUM</b>	<b>SMALL</b>
	172	168.9	159.9	109.9

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING NOVEMBER 06, 2000 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

<b>GRADE A</b>	<b>XLARGE</b>	<b>LARGE</b>	<b>MEDIUM</b>	<b>SMALL</b>
	136	136	126	77

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR NOVEMBER 17, 2000**CURRENT LOADS** 16.25**FUTURE LOADS** 12.00**TOTAL LOADS** 28.25

		SE		NE		MW		LOADS			SC		NW		SW		LOADS
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		
GNR W 1	51.00	—	52.00	54.00	—	—	7.00		GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5.00
GL W XL	—	—	63.00	65.00	57.73	59.43	4.50		GL W XL	56.00	65.00	—	—	—	68.00	2.50	
GL W LG	—	—	60.00	62.00	55.33	57.25	5.75		GL W LG	56.00	65.00	—	—	—	65.25	4.00	
GL W MD	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.50		NRBS - 39	—	—	—	37.00	—	—	2.00	
GL W SM	—	—	29.00	30.00	—	—	1.00										
NRBS - 39	—	—	24.00	—	—	—	2.00										

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 11/11/00-11/17/00**CURRENT LOADS** 109.75**FUTURE LOADS** 40.25**TOTAL LOADS** 150.00

		SE		NE		MW		LOADS			SC		NW		SW		LOADS
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		
GNR W 1	56.42	59.60	56.00	57.29	52.50	—	36.00		GNR W 1	—	59.43	—	—	—	—	—	14.00
GNR W 2	—	61.00	—	—	—	50.00	2.75		GNR W 3	—	45.50	—	—	—	—	—	2.00
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	38.50	41.00	2.25		GL W J	61.00	—	—	—	—	71.20	1.25	
GNR BR 1	—	—	52.00	54.00	—	—	1.00		GL W XL	56.63	67.00	—	—	—	68.50	7.50	
GL W J	—	—	—	—	57.00	—	1.00		GL W LG	55.57	66.74	—	—	—	69.42	12.75	
GL W XL	—	—	63.75	65.80	58.88	60.80	12.75		GL W MD	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.00	
GL W LG	—	66.00	59.08	61.80	60.80	60.55	24.75		GL W SM	28.00	—	—	35.00	—	34.00	2.00	
GL W MD	—	—	54.17	55.67	54.25	—	11.75		NRBS - 39	20.00	—	—	37.00	—	—	4.00	
GL W SM	28.00	31.67	28.33	31.00	28.00	—	8.00										
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	35.00	—	—	.50										
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	28.75	32.80	23.00										
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	28.50	30.00	1.00										
NRBS - 39	—	—	24.00	—	—	24.75	12.00										

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**NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 11/05/00 - 11/11/00**

Origin State	CO	IA	MI	MN	MO	NV	OH	OR	UT	WA	TOTAL
N. CA	0	2,080	0	0	0	0	0	1,892	0	0	3,972
C. CA	720	0	0	0	0	0	830	690	0	360	2,600
S. CA	6,519	12,742	740	1,706	3,110	600	786	0	4,380	1,350	31,933
TOTAL STATE	7,239	14,822	740	1,706	3,110	600	1,616	2,582	4,380	1,710	38,505

SHIPPED TO MILITARY: 0

**NEW ENGLAND**

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
114-117	88-91	86-89	51-54	17-20

**DETROIT EGGS**

PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
78-81	69-75	67-72	55-60	29-33

**IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN**

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
52-54	40-42	11-13

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS**

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
91.27	89.57	78.51	50.51

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS** (In Thousands)

ON HAND	11/13/00	11/06/00	11/16/99
PACIFIC COAST	272	267	80
LOS ANGELES	211	232	0

**HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS**

**NOT AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME**

**Monthly Cold Storage Report**

(In Units of 1,000)

	REVISED - A		-B-	
	Sep-30	Sep-30	Oct-31	Oct-31
	1999	2000	1999	2000
<b>FROZEN EGGS:</b>				
Whites	577	448	471	390
Yolks	697	612	665	701
Whole & Mixed	7,202	9,591	6,781	11,096
Unclassified	1,006	3,761	1,053	4,364
Total Frozen Eggs	9,482	14,412	8,970	16,551

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